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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-38 were pending in this application. Claims 3-8, 12, 14, 16-17, 21, 24-29, and 34-38 has been amended by way of the present amendment to remove multiple dependences. As such, it is submitted that no new matters enter by way of the present amendment. Hence, claims 1-38 remain pending and under consideration. Entry of the amendment and consideration of the subject application as amended is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

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